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BILLINGS -- Now is the time to apply for seasonal jobs with the Bureau of Land Management for the summer of 2006.

Numerous summer seasonal fire positions are now being advertised, including firefighting, dispatch, engine and helitack operations. The first round of hiring will occur in mid-December, so interested applicants should apply as soon as possible. The application deadline for most of these vacancy announcements is January 30, 2006.

Other available seasonal positions are in the fields of archeology, biology, cartography, engineering, forestry, hydrology, physical science, range, and survey. Equipment operators, maintenance workers, laborers, and park rangers are also needed. These positions will be advertised in December.

Applications for fire position will be accepted through https://jobs1.quickhire.com/scripts/doiff.exe

Applications for non-fire positions will be accepted through either https://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/blm.exe. Duty locations are identified on these websites.

These websites allow applicants to search for available jobs, create, edit and archive

personal electronic resumes, and apply for specific positions. These systems also allow applicants to identify the types of jobs in which they are interested, and will notify them with an email message when that type of job is open for application.

To be eligible for a seasonal position, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; have a current, valid driver's license; and pass a pre-employment physical. In addition, applicants for fire positions must successfully complete a work capacity test (a three-mile hike over level terrain with a 45-pound pack within 45 minutes) and submit to a drug screening test before they can be hired. Tentative selectees may be subject to a background check.

For more information, contact your local BLM office: Billings, 896-5002; Miles City, 233-2800; Butte, 533-7600; Dillon, 683-2337; Lewistown, 538-1900; Malta, 654-5100; Missoula, 329-3914; Glasgow, 228-3750; Havre, 265-5891; Dickinson, North Dakota, 701-227-7700; or Belle Fourche, South Dakota, 605-892-7000.

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